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HANOI/GIA LAM AIRFIELD
NORTH VIETNAM
2102 N 10553 E

(SEE BRIEFING BOARDS H-5849 AND J-3627 FOR COMPARISON)

1. HANOI/GIA LAM AIRFIELD IS ONE OF THE MAJOR AIRFIELDS IN NORTH VIETNAM. PRIOR TO 1940 A WELL-DISPERSED SYSTEM OF AIRFIELDS WAS CREATED BY THE FRENCH. THESE AIRFIELDS WERE LATER USED BY THE JAPANESE DURING WORLD WAR II. AFTER THE WAR THE FRENCH UNDERTOOK A GRADUAL PROGRAM OF AIRFIELD REHABILITATION AND EXPANSION. WITH THE ADVENT OF THE VIET MINH OFFENSIVE, THE AIRFIELDS ASSUMED AN EVEN MORE IMPORTANT ROLE AND FACILITIES WERE ADDED OR EXPANDED. WHEN HOSTILITIES CEASED IN JULY 1954 THE FRENCH REMOVED LARGE AMOUNTS OF EQUIPMENT FROM THE HANOI/HAIPHONG AREA AIRFIELDS BEFORE TURNING THEM OVER TO THE VIET MINH. SINCE THEN, AIR TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT IN NORTH VIETNAM HAS BEEN SPONSORED BY COMMUNIST CHINA UNDER AN AGREEMENT PROVIDING FOR COMMUNIST CHINESE AID IN ESTABLISHING AIR AND METEOROLOGICAL STATIONS IN NORTH VIETNAM. IN 1955, THE NORTH VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT ESTABLISHED A CIVIL AIR ORGANIZATION WITH HEADQUARTERS AT HANOI/GIA LAM AIRFIELD.
2. BLUE SPRINGS [REDACTED], REVEALS A 6,100 X 100 FT, NNE/SSW, SERVICEABLE CONCRETE RUNWAY 2.3 NM NORTHEAST OF HANOI. A 5,800 X 320 FT NW/SE CONCRETE RUNWAY IS BEING USED AS A PARKING AREA AND CONTAINS FIFTEEN UNIDENTIFIED CRATES. BOTH RUNWAYS HAVE PARALLEL TAXIWAYS.

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CONSTRUCTION OF THE RUNWAY EXTENSION ON THE NORTH END OF THE NNE/SSW RUNWAY APPEARS NEARLY COMPLETE. CONSTRUCTION OF THREE POSSIBLE AIRCRAFT REVEITEMENTS HAS BEGUN TO THE NORTH OF THE NNE/SSW RUNWAY. AIRCRAFT -- NINE CRATE, FIVE CAB, FOURTEEN COLT, THREE HOUND, AND ONE SINGLE ENGINE STRAIGHT-WING AIRCRAFT.

3. THIS AREA HAS BEEN COVERED BY PREVIOUS [] LUCKY DRAGON, AND TROJAN HORSE MISSIONS.

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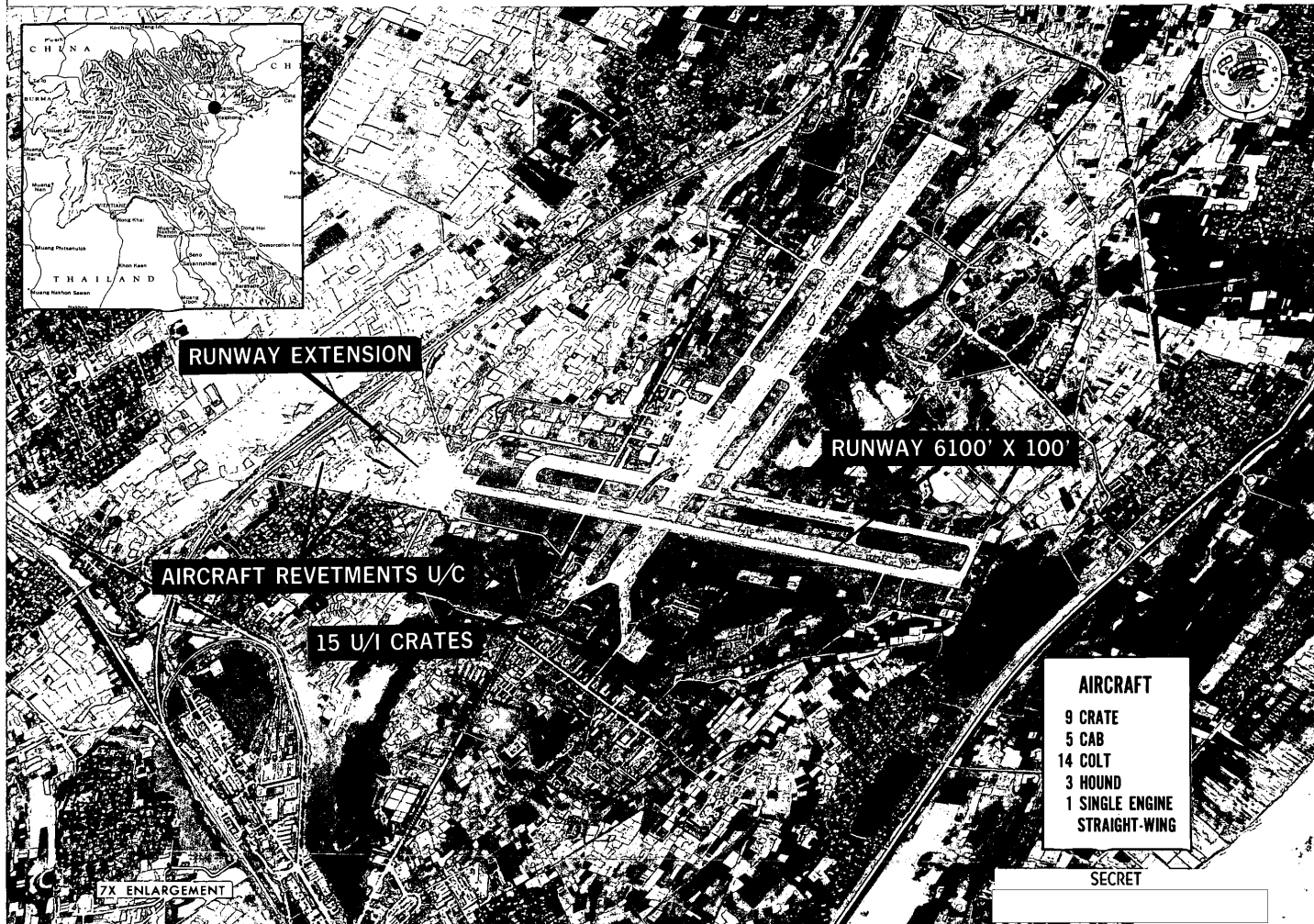
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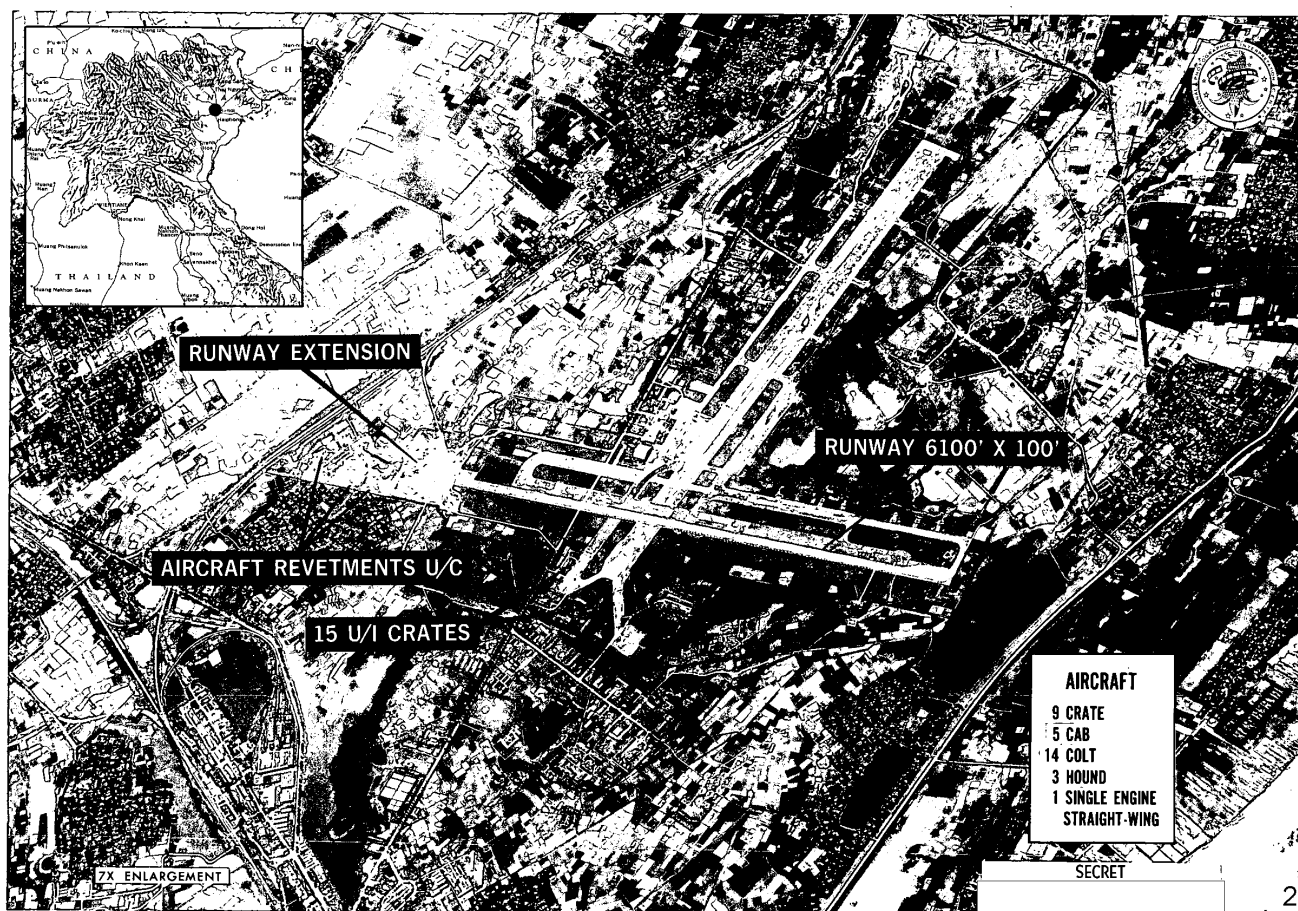
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